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A $8.5 million fundraising goal will play an important role this year at CSUSB, due to the possibility of more budget cuts if Proposition 30 is not passed. 

“Every year, the university strives to generate as much external revenue as possible. Our goal this year is based on a formula with the Chancellor’s office,” said Ron Fremont, the new vice president of University Advancement. The CSU had a $750 million budget cut this year, which led to an increase in tuition, according to the CSU website.

Proposition 30 can possibly be a solution to prevent any further budget cuts. It was proposed by California Governor Jerry Brown for the 2012-13 state budget plan. If passed, the plan will raise income taxes on high-income earners for seven years and increase state sales taxes for four years. This money can generate approximately $7 billion a year in additional revenue in an effort to close a $9.2 billion state general fund deficit. If it fails to pass, an additional $200 million cut to the CSU system can go into effect, affecting almost 27,000 enrolled students.

“Campuses throughout the CSU have implemented numerous cost-cutting measures and acted prudently with resources to get through this year. However, if the state does not begin to reinvest in the CSU, more drastic measures including cutting enrollment and programs, raising tuition and reducing personal will need to be acted upon,” said Charles Reed, CSU Chancellor on the CSU website.

The extension of CSUSB Palm Desert is, “one of the best examples of the power of philanthropy in the entire CSU,” said Fremont. “The campus quickly generated significant community support. The growth has been remarkable and new proposals are in place that will continue to expand the campus,” continued Fremont. CSUSB’s new leadership president, Tomás D. Morales and Vice President of University Advancement Ron Fremont are both bringing many years of experience to CSUSB to face this challenge.

Morales is the fourth president of CSUSB and raised more than $8 million for the College of Staten Island within in the City University of New York, where he was president for five years. Executing new ideas with Morales is Fremont, vice president of university advancement. He joins CSUSB

California Propositions

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Proposition 30 on funding for schools and higher taxes on the rich

By RHONDA POWELL

Staff Writer

Californians can vote for or against Proposition 30, on Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Under the Proposition 30 measure temporary tax increases will go to fund education, local public safety, and amend California’s constitution. Proposition 30 will increase personal income tax on earnings over $250,000 for seven years and increase sales tax by 1/4 cent for four years, from 7.25 percent to 7.5 percent according to cavotes.org.

Temporary tax revenues will go to school funding. Grades K-12 will receive 89 percent of the temporary tax revenues and community colleges will receive the remaining 11 percent.

Using Proposition 30 funding for administrative costs will be prohibited. Local school’s governing boards will choose how these funds will be spent in open meetings and possible annual audits to account for where funds were spent.

Although state universities will not benefit from the increased tax revenues, CSUs stand to benefit in other ways.

According to the CSU Board of Trustees, tuition will be lower for students beginning in the Winter 2013. Full-time students who paid their Fall 2012

Proposition 32 will stop check deductions from worker’s paychecks

By BRENDA ACUNA

Staff Writer

Discord among labor leaders and super PACs (Political Action Committees) continues as the battle for Proposition 32 wages on.

Proposition 32, a measure appearing on this November’s ballot, aims to prohibit unions and corporations from deducting funds from workers’ paychecks to fund political campaigns, but still allows voluntary employee contributions.

In addition, Proposition 32 would forbid corporations and unions from making direct contributions to state and local candidates, and the committees that fund them.

According to the official sampling ballot for the upcoming Nov. 6 election, “the fiscal impact is increased costs to state and local government, potentially exceeding $1 million annually, to implement and enforce the measure’s requirements.”

Supporters of Proposition 32 claim it is needed because special interests control California’s government. Proponents claim that Proposition 32 would “cut ties between special interests and politicians,” according to East County Magazine.

In addition, advocates support this provision as it will allow union members to directly support the candidates.
Female vets facing record unemployment

By JULIA MATULIONIS

Unemployment rates are slowly going down, but not for veterans, specifically women veterans.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for female veterans rose to 13.5 percent, well above the national average for veterans as a whole which is at 9.7 percent.

The nation’s average for unemployment is at 7.8 percent as of Sep. 2012. This is far better than last year’s percentage which climbed as high as 9.1 percent.

Veterans come home with a plethora of skills and knowledge, including positive attributes like punctuality, loyalty, and a good work ethic. Some of the negative aspects employers consider are translating skills to a business environment, post traumatic stress disorder, and concerns regarding future deployments.

“They may be skilled in the armed forces in a specific area that there really aren’t a lot of jobs in the civilian world for that particular work,” said Marci Daniels, Coordinator for The Veterans Success Center on campus. “They have a transition assistance program... It’s not enough really, for them to transition out into the civilian workplace.”

Women go through the same training that men do, this is a real testament to the challenges they face in and out of the military. Military occupational specialties, (MOS) are a popular path for soldiers. The trouble for women is these are mostly male dominated fields.

“I like welding. In this economy welding is still a high paying job,” said student and veteran Jennifer Iacolino. “They don’t like women in the field. I wasn’t taken seriously because they would question if I could do the heavy lifting.”

Jennifer was on the hunt for a job in her field and could not get hired. “I went into looking for a job in the metal working industry, even after going through school and getting a degree I couldn’t find a job,” said Iacolino. She is now a student for the second time as an English major and enjoys going to school.

“I’ve pretty much given up looking for a job, I just want to focus on my studies,” said Iacolino.

Coming out of the military and re-entering civilian life can be a tough challenge, a lot of veterans become homeless. According to the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, 17 percent of homeless people are veterans.

Another issue they face is the length of time it takes them to get back on their feet. “Homeless veterans reported having been homeless for an average of 5.77 years vs. 1.92 years for homeless non-veterans,” according to a national survey of homeless veterans.

There are several companies making it their goal to hire more veterans when looking to fill positions like Wal-Mart, Chase Bank, and General Electric.

Camaraderie among veterans is seen at the Veteran Success Center on campus. It gives vets a place to do homework, relax and watch TV, or just hang out with people, who share similar experiences.
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President Barack Obama faced off against GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney on Oct. 3 in the first installment of three scheduled debates. According to the Gallup.com polls, Romney scored a major victory over the President with 72 percent of the total viewers giving the presidential hopeful the victory, while President Obama only took 20 percent of the vote. Even among self proclaimed Democrats, Mitt Romney still edged out the President by 49 percent to 39 percent. Gallup claims that the 52 point victory for Romney is the largest ever recorded, though these assessments were taken on Oct. 4-5 and could be influenced by the media coverage, most of which gave Romney a decisive victory.

The debates didn’t quite propel the Romney campaign into the lead for the presidency, but according to Gallup.com it put him and President Obama dead even in the Registered Voter’s Presidential Preference Poll, with both candidates receiving 47 percent post debate, a jump of almost 5 points for Romney.

Many agreed that Mitt Romney was undoubtedly the more animated debater while Obama was a bit more subdued than viewers were used to seeing him.

“Romney just came out swinging and seemed more prepared to debate than Obama,” said one CSUSB student. “Obama just seemed to be caught on his heels.”

Debate viewer James Lewis felt as though, “Romney tucked certain critical issues and his own record and that threw President Obama off because its hard to debate when both sides don’t adhere to the same facts.”

@ByronTau tweeted, “Mitt Romney lied. He lied on taxes. On medicare. On wall street reform. On Obamacare.”

The main topics of debate were on the job market and healthcare, two very crucial subjects being answered in different ways.

Obama defended his position on the Affordable Care Act or “Obamacare” while Mitt Romney pointed out that states could more efficiently provide their citizens that same access to the federal government could.

“I would like to take the Medicaid dollars and give them to the states and say to the states, you are getting what you got last year plus inflation, plus 1 percent, and you’re going to manage the care for your poor the way you think it is best,” said Romney.

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Prop. 32 isn’t designed to solve our economic problems,” says CSUSB junior Jesus Gonzales. “It sounds like it just will limit the voices of the people supporting it, like teachers and firefighters.”

Opponents of the initiative include The League of Women Voters, ACLU California, The California Federation of Teachers, California Professional Fighters, California Democratic Party and labor organizations.

While there are supporters and those against the proposal, there are still many voters who are undecided.

“I have mixed feelings because I don’t like to have a say in any of this. All I know is that in today’s society, if you have money you automatically have power,” says CSUSB junior Janet Taran.

“A ‘yes’ on Proposition 32 means that unions and corporations cannot use money deducted from an employee’s pay-check, political individuals would have the option of contributing voluntarily.

A “no” on this vote means that you refuse to change to existing laws regarding this matter.
Where is the equality in financial aid?

By MELISSA O’BECK
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I believe single parents soak up all of the “free” financial aid money while other students drown in debt.

In my opinion this creates student inequality.

With the recent 9.1 percent increase that went into effect this fall, tuition is at a record high, according to USA Today.

Education is becoming less feasible for the average student.

The CSU claims to offer affordable, accessible and quality education. But that’s no longer the case.

“I graduated from Riverside Community College last year, but I am waiting until I am 24 to transfer to CSUSB so I can be eligible for some sort of financial aid,” said Matthew Lewis, 23.

“Even though I work two jobs and pay for my own schooling I am still considered a dependent of my parents. I simply cannot afford $2,300 a quarter before books and parking permit without some kind of aid.”

The aid and options seem to be endless for single parents to go to school no matter what their age.

But where is a lending hand to the average student who works anywhere from one to three jobs while trying to stay on top of their studies?

They fall into that middle class category although they are over 18, due to their parents’ income which they have no entitlement to.

It seems these students’ graduation date keeps getting postponed because the aid is not there.

They have to support themselves, which ultimately leads to a higher debt ratio among graduates, making it difficult to finish or even go to school.

Higher education should be helping pave the way to a life of opportunity, not financial disaster.

However, Pell Grants are limited to only specific individuals and which do not have to be paid back.

The rest of the students under 24 are only offered student loans, which do have to be paid back.

“In my opinion, it is fair. Being a mother going to school is hard. We have more financial obligations than most students. Besides school finances like books and classes, we also have to worry about finding and paying for daycare while we are at school,” said student and parent Cara Golightly.

While this rings undeniable truth, we live in a country where government handouts to single parents are endless.

If the parent is not receiving child support, is that not what welfare, WIC, discounted housing, free healthcare, Head-Start programs, food-stamps, and the continual list that goes on are for?

We even have a daycare right here on campus at a more affordable cost than most other day care centers.

I am in no way discriminating or suggesting that single parents should be stripped of these privileges.

I agree that single parents deserve opportunity, and fortunately, there is plenty of it.

But I do believe that when it comes to education there should be some form of student equality. We are all here for the same reasons, trying to achieve the same goals, striving for brighter futures.

If the government is going to give funding to organizations that single out parents and minorities then there should be funding for other students that are not minorities or single parents, but are working just as hard.

At 18 we are all legal adults. We should not be discriminated against because of our parents’ income since we are no longer under their legal guardianship.

We all come from different walks of life, but when we enroll in this school a certain unity is formed.

We are all students. We all deserve equal opportunity to succeed, and we all deserve a fighting chance.

The Weekly Chuckle

The vice-presidential debate on Oct. 11 was a stark contrast to last week’s presidential debate.

Vice president Joe Biden and Republican Paul Ryan both came out strong, making this debate a much more even match than the debate between Obama and Romney. This time around, the polls showed a split in who voters thought won the debate. According to a CBS poll, 50 percent of viewers felt Biden emerged victorious while 31 percent chose Ryan as the winner. CNN’s poll, however, showed a much closer contest: 48 percent of viewers felt Ryan won compared to the 44 percent that believed Biden won the debate.
Student votes are key in this year’s election

By STEPHANIE “LILO” MADRIGAL
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College students need to step up and vote after a decrease in registered young voters since 2008. Voters between the ages of 18-29 are a full 11 percent lower than in the 2008 election, bringing the amount of registered young voters to 63 percent, according to The Pew Research Center.

“The number of young people registered to vote hasn’t been this low since 1999,” according to www.washington-post.com.

President Barack Obama saw a high vote after a decrease in registered young voters to 63 percent, according to election, bringing the amount of registered young voters since 2008.

“Student votes are key in this year’s election and along with Governor Mitt Romney, are hoping for a high turnout in November. Not only is voting for president important, there are propositions affecting college students directly. We are the future and voting this year will affect us drastically.”

“Yes on Prop. 30 will help college students with the revenue earned from tax payers and helping colleges in the upcoming years,” said CSUSB alum, Christina Giurlanda.

If Proposition 30 does not pass college students will see an increase in budget cuts, which is something I personally do not want to see. Tuition and other campus fees will cost us more and burn a bigger hole in our pockets.

As a student I am seeing and feeling the budget cuts quarter after quarter by having hundreds of dollars added to our tuition in the past year. "No matter what way you vote, I believe young voters, especially students, need to vote in the 2012 election. It is their future,” said Mari Lopez, parent of a CSUSB student.

I believe voting is extremely important, however, after just asking a few random students around campus, some had no knowledge or urgency to vote this year. Some students do not feel the need and possibly could care less about voting right now, but they should be concerned because it will affect all of our futures.

Voting is the number one thing that makes it too much for one student to handle, said student Karina Mezar.

“Between tuition, books and everyday expenses, this spike in gas prices may be the one thing that makes it too much for one student to handle.”

Karina Mezar
Student

Normally this type of gas is not permitted this early in the year because it is more harmful to our air quality during warm weather since it evaporates into the air quicker than the gasoline sold during the summer.

Denton Cinquegrana, executive editor of the Oil Price Information Service, stated that it would be reasonable to expect prices to make its way back down to about $4.15 a gallon by Thanksgiving.

Until then, there are some ways to protect your bank accounts from those gas prices.

First, if you are a commuter, try and find a student who lives close to you that you can arrange a carpool.

Bonus points would be given if that person is in your class so you can study for those midterms we have coming up.

With the rising gas prices I’m lucky that I carpool with my friend. If I didn’t carpool it would be reasonable to expect prices to make its way back down to about $4.15 a gallon by Thanksgiving.

Second, for those of you a part of the smartphone community, you can download the free “Gas Buddy” app onto your phone. It will tell you the closest gas station with the cheapest gas nearest to you.

Even if it only saves you a few cents, it is worth it during these hard times.

Finally, if you live close enough to campus to consider purchasing a discounted bus pass or even ride your bike to school, you would be doing yourself and the environment a favor.

While it may not be the most convenient way to get to campus, you will save time, money and give yourself a nice leg work out to boot.
Electro-rapper Chancellor Warhol rocks out in the Santos Manuel Student Union to motivate students to register to vote. The Rock the Vote campaign brings various artists together to inform the youth across America about the importance of voting.

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CSUSB students prepare to rock the vote

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Rock the Vote!

Nashville electro-rapper Chancellor Warhol performed at the Santos Manuel Student Union last Tuesday in association with the Rock the Vote organization to inform students about the importance of the upcoming election.

A small crowd was gathered for the first part of the event where director of student leadership and development, Mark Hartley, asked Warhol a couple of questions in regards to the 2012 election.

In his answers, the Tennessee electro-rapper emphasized the importance of arts, culture and education. He said that if he were president, he would encourage young people to travel in order to discover new culture and get inspired by other countries.

After the interview, Warhol kicked off his performance in front of the few students.

"The small crowd shows the lack of enthusiasm among the youth voters," said one of the participants.

The rapper, visibly unaffected by the nearly empty room, gave an energetic performance. Singing electro-rap songs from his three albums: Playlist for Edie, Factory and Japanese Lunchbox – while bouncing across the crowd.

Despite minor, but frequent sound problems, the tiny audience enjoyed the performance and the rapper’s truly unique musical style. As a Rock the Vote featured artist, last Tuesday was the fifth performance that Warhol did for the organization.

Rock the Vote is a non-partisan and non-profit organization that uses popular culture and music to build the political power of young people.

Warhol believes that as an artist, one of his jobs is to influence people to make good decisions in order to make a better world. He also said the arts are in the background of political leaders’ minds during the 2012 election.

He hopes that in a couple of years, politicians would consider arts and culture in their debates like in other countries.

The Rock the Vote event was also a great place to hear the students opinions about the upcoming election. Many of them seem to think that their vote will not make any difference.

A student said the 2008 election was much more interesting with Obama’s platform which emphasized hope and change. “Truth be told, there is no excitement about this election,” said one of the participants.

There was also a voter registration table at the event. According to a person that was in charge of the registration, only a few people filled out the precious piece of paper – they did not reach their expectations.

When asked about the pertinence of such an organization, student Melissandre Compere said, “Artists should not influence your political decisions. People must be aware of the political stakes and make their own decision.”

Compere might be right, but Rock the Vote’s mission is to cite young people to register and vote with the help of the arts. They do not promote any political parties or ideas.

With the election a couple of weeks away, Rock the Vote is presently traveling across the United States to influence young people to exercise their right to vote. In California, you have until Oct. 22 to register.

Last day to register to vote is Oct. 22
Visit rockthevote.com to make a difference!
Features

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Welcome to the month of pink! October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM), an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease and people are showing their support nationwide. People can be seen sporting pink everywhere this month. Even the National Football League players are wearing pink shoes, headbands, wristbands and pink patches on their jerseys to show support.

Locally, the Redlands Fire Department is happily showing their support. Redlands firefighters have swapped their blue T-shirts for pink ones during the month of October in recognition of BCAM. I made my way to the city of Redlands to meet and greet the firefighters of Fire Station No. 1 to get an insight on why they are so proactive about supporting the cause.

As soon as I knocked on the door of the fire station, a loud, blaring fire truck raced out of the back of the building. I got nervous at first because no one came to the door. I thought all the firefighters received a call and were leaving! To my relief, a friendly face appeared at the door. It was Lorenzo Rocha, smiling and donning his pink shirt. I asked him to give me the expose on the pink-shirted men of the fire station and why they are supporting the cause.

“We started [sporting pink] about three years ago to do something for the community,” said Rocha.

Did you know you could own your own firefighter tee? The public can purchase pink T-shirts up until Nov. 1 at the Redlands Fire Administration office.

The cost of the shirt is $20 with all profits going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

“Aside from the Komen Foundation, we also sell extra shirts. The extra money goes to a fund for fire-families. Supporting this cause is important to us because we love our community and we’re here to serve and be there for our community,” said Rocha.

I had to ask if the men of the fire station were having problems with wearing pink. “Oh no, we love it. It’s for a good cause so we are happy to wear pink,” said Rocha.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation has a site to inform the public about what they can do for the cause. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to detect the disease in its early stages. The Redlands firefighters are active in showing their support for their community.

Encourage those in your lives to create an Early Detection Plan and invite others to do the same. Get screened to detect the disease because early detection is the key to saving thousands of lives.

Get involved in a fundraiser in your area to provide mammograms for women in need and a biopsy for men. Donate, fundraise, and volunteer for our women and men to show your support. Together, we can overcome breast cancer.

As quoted by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, “Every woman needs to know the facts. And the fact is, when it comes to breast cancer, every woman is at risk.”

By EMILIE CHACON
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As the theft of bicycles and laptops increases, CSUSB campus police have established two new programs to solve the problem.

The Cal State San Bernardino University Police and Electronic Devices Anti-Theft Registration Program (LEDATRP) and the Cal State San Bernardino University Police Bicycle Registration Program (BRP) insist on recording your valuables with campus police, thus reducing the chances of theft while protecting your electronics and your bike.

The programs are still pretty new on campus. “Both programs started up towards the end of the 2011-2012 school year with the intention of being in place for the start of the 2012-2013 school year,” said Officer Erik Sylvestri.

According to National Bike Registration, more than 1.5 million bikes are stolen every year and the majority of the thefts happen on college campuses. According to a FBI study, a laptop is stolen every 53 seconds and one in 10 individuals will have their laptop stolen.

These statistics are alarming and because almost everyone owns at least one electronic device. Campus police strongly encourage you to register those items.

After registering the items you want protected, CSUSB will keep all the important information like serial numbers and model numbers in a database so it will be easier to find them in case of a theft. They will then contact you once your personal object is found.

So, if your property gets stolen you will only have to call them and inform campus police that your device is on record. Registering your possessions may be a good solution to help prevent the robbery, but campus police also provides tips to help prevent them getting stolen in the first place.

The greatest way to avoid theft is to keep an eye on your valuables. Always lock away your electronics properly when you are not around and try to not expose them.

They also suggested taking pictures of your bike, so in case of theft, it will be easier for them to have a good idea of what it looks rather than having an unclear description. Although the LEDATRP and the BRP appear to be a great idea, it remains largely unknown by a lot of the students on campus.

Like many students, Colin Wang was not aware of these programs. “Of course I would be interested! But I just learned that such a program exists,” he said. “I think it’s a good idea.”

Officer Sylvestri and his unit, the Traffic Unit, are trying to spread the word via e-mail, Coyote Chronicle and Coyote Radio.

Registration is free, easy, and available on their website at police.csusb.edu, or contact them at trafficsafety@csusb.edu or at (909) 537-5165 for more information.
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Paying for books, classes and gas can take a toll on a student’s wallet and their budget for shopping. Since school and work consumes most of our time, it is hard to find a chance to spend money on ourselves. Students are always browsing to find the latest deals on clothes, electronics and other gadgets while having a small budget expense. Many have turned to online shopping.

“I like to shop at stores and online, but I choose online over anything because it saves the hassle of wasting gas going to the mall,” said student Eduardo Escobedo. “I get better deals in the stores sometimes, but it has its trade-offs. My favorite online shopping sites to visit are UrbanOutfitters.com, 80spurple.com and H&M.”

Students spend countless hours studying and sometimes it can be fun to take a break from all of it to browse the internet for some cool shopping sites. Popular sites like Amazon offer student deals on shipping, especially on books and electronics. But aside from shopping for school supplies, many are looking for deals on fall clothing.

Web sites for department stores and shops like Forever 21, Macy’s, Nordstrom’s and Kohl’s may offer online coupons or deals that are cheaper, including the clearance section. “I like to go shopping in actual stores, but I have a few sites I like to visit like tobi.com and nastyggal.com,” said student Natalie Esparza. “The deals online versus in actual stores vary. You can get free shipping and sometimes cheaper dresses and shoes online than in the store. Sometimes even the clearance racks in the store will be cleaned out so it is easier to find it online.”

Fall Fashion has begun and browsing online before hitting stores may be a good idea. Many shopping sites send out e-mails on deals and specials during the week that can be used in the store or online. Sites like groupon.com offer many different specials that range from vacations, clothes and even laptops.

Clothing sites with membership only perks, like pldndr.com and hautelook.com, allow shoppers to find deals on designer clothes and also earn points by referring customers to their sites. Instead of comparison shopping from one store to the next, energy and time is saved for other things when the best deals can be compared online with just a click of the mouse.

While stores and malls close at a certain time, online shopping is open 24/7. Shopping world-wide is a possibility online. Online coupon codes are also efficient for most sites along with items that may not be in stores.

There are benefits to in-store and online shopping, but it’s the same as long as the deals are good. Sometimes it can be fun to go out with friends to the mall and browse stores and try things on and other times it is acceptable to stay home, study and shop online.

As the holidays draw near, it is a good idea to check out the online specials and enjoy browsing for new shopping sites to share with others.

The perks of being an online shopper

“I choose online over anything because it saves the hassle of wasting gas.”
Eduardo Escobedo
Student

Student Natalie Esparza finds online shopping more convenient than going to the stores because she finds better deals.

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A new exhibition at CSUSB’s Robert and Frances Fulleriton Museum of Art (RAFFMA) features contemporary art pieces that even those with little or no art background can certainly enjoy.

“Perspectives,” on display until Dec. 15, is an exhibition rich in Chicano and Latino influences that features five artists from different backgrounds and artistic styles whose stories come alive through their artwork.

Kirsch set out to organize the exhibition last Spring.

“Creative variety, artistic background, age group and location were determining factors,” said Kirsch when asked about the process of putting “Perspectives” together. Featured artists include Vallejos, Luis G. Hernandez, David Rosales, Kathy Sosa and Gregg Stone, whose work portrays their view on social and political issues as well as insight into their personal stories.

Gregg Stone, who before painting, dealt with a substance abuse issue in Ti-juana, Mexico, reflects his life struggle in his work and depicts a blend of life on both sides of the border.

Rosales represents common racial stereo-types and misconceptions in his art by including giant robots, flying saucer som-bros and aliens in his pieces.

A little different from the others, Hernandez uses text in his work that also represents his life growing up in various cit-ies around Baja, California and Southern California.

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Kirsch takes pride in the ways people look familiar and reminded her of her a woman in a painting she was admiring looked familiar and reminded her of her grandmother,” she said.

According to Kirsch, this sort of exhibition is meant to reach out to the broader audience and show that art isn’t necessarily complicated or difficult to understand and that things people deal with on a daily basis are depicted within it.

“Art enriches life,” said Kirsch. “And once you get hooked, you will never quit.”

Since the exhibition’s opening day on Sept. 29, “Perspectives” has attracted a good number of art-goers. “We aren’t ex-pecting ‘crowds’ but the number of those coming in is good,” Kirsch said.

Kirsch urged museum patrons to keep an open mind towards the art exhibited. “If you haven’t been hooked yet, ‘Perspec-tives’ is your chance. It is playful — multi-layered, accessible and provocative at the same time. Visi it and like it or hate it. Bring your own perspective!” added Kirsch.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Mondays through Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Thursdays and is closed on Fridays and Sundays. Admission is free and parking is $5 for the day, though hourly parking is also available.

Pre-scheduled tours are available for groups of 10 or more.

Artists on display with text on Spanish-American Culture at “Perspectives,” an art gallery at RAFFMA.

Additional information on that as well as other exhibitions and upcoming events can be found on the CSUSB RAFFMA museum’s page at http://raffma.csusb.edu, as well as on the department’s Facebook page.

Art exhibit explores rich Latino culture

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MS MR make their social media mark

By MACKENZIE VIERA
Staff Writer

Since the outbreak of social networking and user friendly blogs, the Internet has made it more than possible for hidden talent to be revealed. Whether its retweeted, reposted, “liked,” or passed on from region to region, it’s going to be discovered. This is exactly what has happened to viral sensation MS MR.

On September 17, the Tumblr legion discovered Brooklyn-based duo MS MR when they released their long awaited four-track EP, Candy Bar Creep Show. Indie and Pop fans are in for a treat this season as they will notice the sounds of MS MR are similar to those of Florence and the Machine and Oh Land.

The indie-pop New Yorkers have released songs one by one on Mondays, making their music accessible to download and listen to while keeping their identity a mystery until their first appearance on tour with Marina and the Diamonds. With that their fans have built up anticipation and excitement for the final release date.

You’re probably hesitating on whether to call them M-S-M-R or just “the band with no faces that sings ‘Hurricane.’” Well, question yourself no further, it’s actually pronounced “Miss & Mister.”

Shortly after the release of their hit “Hurricane,” Lizzy Plapinger (Miss) and Max Hershenson (Mister) were signed to Sony BMG with plans of releasing a full album in 2013.

MS MR described Tumblr as, “…an incredible source of inspiration and support,” that lead them into pre-releasing tracks on their page. It is without a doubt that MS MR care about their fans enough to show gratitude by giving back music and the opportunity for fans to be featured in their upcoming album.

As an added bonus, listeners can create their own mix of any track from CBCR to submit and the pair of musicians will choose one that will be featured in their new album. “We’re free to present each song in a larger mixed media context, giving each song the opportunity to have its own identity and room to breathe and grow,” said the band.

To date, Candy Bar Creep Show, has received over 8,000 user notes on Tumblr within a month. At the start of CBCR is the dark and eerie track “Bones” that haunts listeners and lures them into the feeling of running and hiding in a graveyard full of zombies. The following song on the album is the pre-released best known “Hurricane.” Giving you a quick break from the boneyard, this track starts of as a mellow tempo leading to an excursion into the 80s with dark vocals, drums and echoes taking us to the inner workings of Plapinger’s mind. This track can be considered similar to Lana Del Rey or Cranberries lead singer Dolores’ O’Riordan.

CBCR concludes with tracks “Dark Doo Wop,” and “Ash Tree Lane,” songs that don’t reach the height of the spooky style it acquainted us with in the beginning. “Dark Doo-Wop,” for example, sounds like the snooze button interrupting an awesome nightmare. In spite of the two last tracks, Candy Bar Creep Show has placed MS MR firmly in the spotlight of bands to look out for.

In “Taken 2,” no more mister nice Neeson

By MARIELA LIMON
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Liam Neeson is back to kicking butt and dominating the box office with the action-packed thriller “Taken 2.”

Directed by the appropriately named Olivier Megaton, “Taken 2” is the sequel to the popular 2008 action film “Taken,” which was a surprise hit at the box office. The first feature, “Taken” centered around Bryan Mills (Neeson) trying to rescue his daughter who was kidnapped while vacationing in Paris by a group of Albanian sex traffickers. Mills embarked on a thrilling killing spree in the attempt to save his daughter and was successful in the end.

“Taken 2” family members of the human traffickers killed by Mills are out to seek revenge. When the Albanians learn of Mills’ bodyguard job in Istanbul, they devise a plan to kidnap him.

Unbeknownst to them, Bryan’s daughter Kim (Maggie Grace) and his ex-wife Leonor (Famke Janssen) meet up with Bryan for an impromptu family vacation, making things a little more complicated.

The action begins when Mills and Leonor are taken against their will. Their daughter, however, narrowly escapes. Mills must repeatedly use all his CIA expertise to escape from the traffickers and guide his daughter to safety.

In this installment Mills isn’t the only hero, his daughter must also muscle up and help her parents in this time of need by trusting the vengeful men.

Although the main draw of the movie is the action (And boy, does the movie deliver on the action), the audience also has an emotional connection to the story. We cannot help but to root for a happy ending for Mills and his family.

Car chases and fighting scenes are prominent throughout the movie and they give the action the audience expects from this movie.

Like any story it has its questionable moments. How does Mills get away with killing so many people and causing such destruction in the streets? But that is beside the point, “Taken 2” has its ups and downs but it never veers off what made the first film a hit.

Delivering an action-packed and well acted performance, Liam Neeson carries this story on his shoulders and shows us that a good story can be projected in different ways.

All in all, “Taken 2” thrills the audience and takes us on a bumpy ride through the streets of Istanbul.

Despite all of this, the movie has received mixed reviews from critics. It garnered a whopping 20% approval rating on RottenTomatoes.com. Despite lackluster reviews, “Taken 2” has been favored by many regular moviegoers.

The movie made more than $49 million in its first weekend in the U.S. alone. To date the movie has made over $136 million worldwide, according to Boxofﬁceemojo.com.

Eventually the audience loses themselves in the movie and simply take it for what it is: escapist entertainment.

I would recommend this film to everyone, even if you haven’t seen the first film. It is a guaranteed cinematic thrill ride.
Looking for a way to step out of your comfort zone and help break down misconceptions about Islamic women? Well look no further because Hijab Challenge Week is back.

After such high demand from last year’s successful run, CSUSB’s Muslim Student Association (MSA) is hosting another series of events throughout the week of Oct. 15 to get the community involved, aware and knowledgeable about the real customs and experiences of a Muslim woman who wears the Hijab, also known as a “Hijabi.”

This Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. MSA members will set up tables in the Student Union fully equipped with a variety of scarves for participants to wear. The objective is for people to experience a day in the life of a Hijabi.

Before actually wearing the scarves students will receive a quick lesson on the purpose behind the religious attire in order to better educate themselves and the people that may be asking them questions later.

Each participant will then borrow a scarf from the MSA tables where a member will help put them on to wear during the day.

Also featured on the tables are knowledgeable MSA members who are willing to answer any (appropriate) questions and are providing free informational pamphlets about the faith.

In addition to the three days of wearing the hijab, the MSA will be holding a panel on Thursday from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. in the SMSU Theater where participants are invited to discuss and share their experiences.

Join your fellow students in the effort to breakdown misconceptions and false stereotypes of hijabs.
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Chelsey Jones: diligent, hard worker

Chelsey Jones is a diligent student and honored athlete working hard to achieve her dreams. Jones began playing soccer when she was six years old and never looked back. She participated in other sports while growing up such as volleyball, basketball and track, but chose to pursue soccer.

Chelsey Jones lives and breathes soccer but looks forward to becoming a school teacher. After receiving a presidential scholarship to attend CSUSB, Jones is now the captain of the women’s soccer team while playing as their goalkeeper.

As a freshman she earned CCAA All-Academic honors and last year as a sophomore earned CCAA Player of the Week honors, along with cosSIDA Capital One All-Academic District VII honors. This achievement recognizes college athletes for their academic excellence and the sport they play in.

Additionally as a sophomore, Jones helped her team achieve a 7-1-2 record with 4 1/2 shutouts and helped to obtain their school record six-game winning streak and eight-game unbeaten streak. She also produced an impressive scoreless streak of 470 minutes and 20 seconds.

Jones said that there are times when she gets tired, but her team keeps her going and she doesn’t want to let them down. She loves being active and looks forward to practice as a release.

Jones, a high-achieving athlete, doesn’t short herself from obtaining new goals for this year’s season as a team. “My goal is for us to make it to the CCAA playoffs. I know we can do it,” said Jones. “I have to stay focused and healthy and take practice seriously. I want our team to realize it’s attainable, and to expect it rather than hope for it.”

Jones enjoys the sport of soccer and everything that comes with it. What she enjoys the most is being able to represent the school and the community, making others proud and having children and fellow students look up to her.

Balancing school and soccer comes fairly easy to Jones, she explains that it has gotten easier each year. She is very focused and knows what it takes to succeed in both.

“Grades come first,” said Jones. “I’m a student athlete, not an athlete student. It gets stressful sometimes but in those times it’s nice to have people to rely on.”

Jones is currently in the multiple-subject teaching credential program at CSUSB and plans on becoming an elementary school teacher.

She also wants to attend grad school to eventually become a speech pathologist. Her career goal is to help children in every way possible.

Besides being busy with school and soccer, she enjoys camping, riding dirt bikes, wake-boarding, playing volleyball, dodge ball and going home to Hesperia to spend time with her family.

She was also a SOAR leader for Advising and Academic Services here on campus and has volunteered her time with Book Buddies, Hesperia Clean-Up and canned food drives.

Jones has and will continue to blossom in the world of athletics, as well as in school and outside extra curricular activities.

With her positive attitude, skills on the soccer field and determination for her goals, she will definitely go far.

Cherniss looks to continue winning tradition

Woman’s Volleyball Coach Kim Cherniss has built a dynasty here at CSUSB. Now in her 22nd year, Cherniss continues to recruit dynamic players in an effort to put together a perfect team.

“We want dynamic athleticism,” said Cherniss. “Be exceptional in some regard whether it’s your jumping ability, your speed, your height, your volleyball IQ, your execution level, your experience level, be dynamic in some regard because then if you find enough of those pieces then you can put together a puzzle that has championship qualities.”

It’s safe to say that the “puzzle” is slowly coming together this year.

Entering this season, Cherniss has gone 123-10 since 2008 and over her career she has won the CCAA division six consecutive seasons [nine times overall] while coaching 25 AVCA All-Americans as well as nine Daktronics All-Americans. Cherniss credits her teams for those monstrous statistics.

“Your team has to do well and then statistically you have to measure up and that usually can’t happen unless your team is playing at a very high level,” Cherniss said while talking about being an All-American volleyball player at UCR and coaching All-Americans at CSUSB.

Attracting the top players in the country is one of Cherniss’ skills, but it is not as easy as it seems.

Division II schools have different rules that they must follow when trying to recruit athletes than Division I schools and sometimes the scholarship difference keeps players wanting to play for a Division II school.

“In California, for volleyball, it’s tough because there is some of the best Division I volleyball [teams] in the country here in California and they have 12 full scholarships so they could literally scholarship the six kids who are sitting on the bench,” said Cherniss.

The players on the bench are who Cherniss looks to add when trying to find the best players to fit her team’s needs.

“Those are our candidates,” Cherniss said. “Look, if you’re going to start for a Pac-12 school I get it. If you’re going to start for a school in the Big West, I get it. But if you’re going to sit on the bench there and maybe be a superstar here, let’s talk.”

What about the players on her bench? There are only six starting spots in volleyball and with the team as good as it has been over the years it may be hard for some of Cherniss’ players to find playing time.

“We really make it a point that every kid on this team is really important,” said Cherniss. “We have great team chemistry. We value everyone. We don’t put up with any elitist or diva behavior whatsoever and the team values each other. That’s really what makes it worthwhile for those kids.”

Cherniss also contributes her involvement within the community as part of her continuous success. She helps run a volleyball club with her associate head coach Danny Scott in Rancho Cucamonga as well as coaching her own summer volleyball youth camp at CSUSB.

The Coyotes are lucky; Cherniss has no plans on leaving anytime soon.

“This is home for me. I love this. I built this program,” Cherniss said.

The Coyotes play their next game in Carson Friday, Oct. 19 against Cal State Dominguez Hills.
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Men’s soccer gains momentum after historic win

By DEVAN LEE
Staff Writer

The CSUSB men’s soccer team came out victorious in a historic win against Sonoma State University in a 2-0 shutout Sunday, Oct. 7 at Rohnert Park.

The Coyotes were the absences of their Junior forward Demetri Burgos. With 18:30 on the clock, Burgos received an assist from freshman forward Corey Christ to score his second goal of the season.

Burgos’ first goal came in the season opener against Colorado Mesa University.

The Coyote’s second goal was shot and made by freshman mid-fielder Ricardo Velasco. With a total of four, the freshman leads the team in goals scored for the 2012 season.

Velasco scored the difference making goal off of a penalty kick (PK) to widen the deficit between the two teams.

As the two teams continued to battle it out, the Coyotes managed to hold their two-nothing lead for the majority of the match. Unfortunately for the Yotes, there wouldn’t be a shut-out to add to an already ideal victory.

Around the 61st minute of playing time, Sonoma State scored their first goal of the game off of a PK. Although the match would end up close in the score, the result of the game would inevitably be an unforgettable win for the men of CSUSB soccer.

The Yotes would at the end of regulation time come out on top 2-1 against the Seawolves, bringing their record up to four wins and one loss.

Their unbeatable performance marks the first time CSUSB men’s soccer has beaten Sonoma State in school history.

With a win as pivotal as this, the inevitable question as to whether or not the team will capitalize on their win comes into play.

However, with such a moving victory under their belts, it is safe to assume that team morale is all-time high for the Coyotes, especially considering the current position of head coach Lance Thompson.

This year not only marks the first year Men’s soccer has beaten SSU, but it is also Thompson’s first year as the head coach for the Coyote men’s soccer team.

It appears as though the team should have all the momentum they need to succeed in their upcoming games.

With all of these factors working in their favor, one can only hope the boys in black and blue will continue to strive for success in the rest of the regular season.

In the words of Brazilian professional soccer player Edison Arantes do Nascimento, “Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.”

As the season begins to come to an end, the Yotes still hold a winning record in the California Collegiate Athletic Association conference.

Women’s soccer encounters a tough loss

By MEGAN ACUNA
Staff Writer

The Coyotes women’s soccer team lost to the Seawolves of Sonoma State University in a 2-0 shutout Sunday, Oct. 7 at Rohnert Park.

The Seawolves went into the game with a winning record of six wins, three losses, and one tie against the Yotes at home and in Sonoma State.

The first goal of the game was scored by Coyote junior forward Demetri Burgos. With 18:30 on the clock, Burgos received an assist from freshman forward Corey Christ to score his second goal of the season.

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With a competitive division to compete against, the girls will have many tough challenges ahead of them.

With four games remaining in their season, they have plenty of time to make a run for first place and claim a playoff berth.

With fantastic goalkeeping, and balanced scoring, women’s soccer looks to bounce back and regain their winning form.